Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

COLORADO

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden's new WOTUS Rule will impact **97,645 COLORADO** small businesses

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
- An estimated 5,473 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 1,739 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Construction**
- An estimated 79,945 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 135,510 EMPLOYEES are impacted

**Manufacturing**
- An estimated 12,227 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 63,388 EMPLOYEES are impacted

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers unveiled their final Revised Definition of WOTUS, which would significantly expand regulations around permits for land and building projects. It would create significant uncertainty around what criteria will be used to determine whether a permit is ultimately awarded. The Rule would even require private individuals to prove water on their land is not under the federal government's jurisdiction. The rule is effective starting March 20, 2023.

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